

SENATE BILL 598

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;  
Title 5; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 55, relative to the  
regulation of autonomous vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) No political subdivision may by ordinance, resolution, or any other means prohibit the use of a motor vehicle within the jurisdictional boundaries of the political subdivision solely on the basis of being equipped with autonomous technology if the motor vehicle otherwise complies with all safety regulations of the political subdivision.

(b) For purposes of this section, "autonomous technology" means technology installed on a motor vehicle that has the capability to drive the motor vehicle without the active physical control or monitoring by a human operator.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.